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SUBJECT: ITU: VISIT OF STAFF ASSOCIATION TO U.S.

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1. SYG MILI ASKED TELATT TO MEET IN HIS OFFICE ON MARCH 31, TOGETHER WITH CCIR DIRECTOR KIRBY AND REPS OF STAFF ASSOCIATION TO DISCUSS PROPOSED TRIP.

2. DURING COURSE OF MEETING, MILI ASKED TELATT TO CONVEY TO U.S. ADMINISTRATION HIS ASSURANCES THAT TRIP WAS EDUCATIONAL IN NATURE AND NOT SIGHTSEEING AND RECREATION. HE ADDED THAT HE CONSIDERED TRIP AS EXTENSION OF UNION'S IN-SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM CONDUCTED AT NOC OST TO MEMBERSHIP. THE GOAL OF TRIP, HE SAID, WAS TO ENABLE STAFF TO LEARN AT FIRST HAND LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN U.S. TELECOMS PRACTICES AND TECHNIQUES. HE SAID THAT PREVIOUS TRIPS HAD BEEN REPORTED TO ADMIN COUNCIL IN THIS CONTEXT AND THAT SAME PRACTICE WOULD BE FOLLOWED WITH U.S. VISIT. MILI STATED HE HOPED THAT U.S. ADMINISTRATION WOULD DO EVERYTHING IT COULD TO FACILITATE VISIT WITH EDUCATIONAL GOAL IN MIND AND THANKED USG IN ADVANCE FOR ALL ASSISTANCE IT COULD RENDER.

3. SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION WITH STAFF COMMITTEE REVEALED UNCLASSIFIED

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FOLLOWING:

A. ENROLLMENT IS AIMED AT STAFF MEMBERS; SPOUSES WILL BE PERMITTED TO ACCOMPANY ONLY IF NOT ENOUGH STAFFERS SIGN UP TO FILL TOTAL AVAILABLE SPACE. NO CHILDREN WILL BE TAKEN.

B. COST OF TRIP AND EMPHASIS ON EDUCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL NATURE WILL BE SUCH AS TO MINIMIZE

PARTICIPATION BY CASUAL SIGHTSEERS - I.E., SUCH PERSONS
COULD GO CHEAPER AND MORE CONVENIENTLY VIA THE NUMEROUS
NORMAL TOURS TO U.S. OFFERED BY MANY SWISS TRAVEL AGENTS.

C. ALTHOUGH ENROLLMENT HAS NOT BEEN OPENED AND
THUS STAFF ASSOCIATION NOT YET IN A POSITION PROVIDE
BREAKDOWN ON PARTICIPATION FOR U.S. VISIT, DURING 1975
VISIT TO STOCKHOLM, FOLLOWING PARTICIPATION WAS RECORDED:

1. BREAKDOWN BY PROFESSIONS:

SIXTY PERCENT TECHNICAL PERSONNEL;
FORTY PERCENT ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCE (INCLUDING
TCD PURCHASING AGENTS)

2. BREAKDOWN BY RANK:

SEVENTY PERCENT - P-LEVEL AND ABOVE;
THIRTY PERCENT - G-LEVEL (STAFF ASSOC. NOTES MANY
TELECOMS PARAPROFESSIONALS IN ITU ARE AT G-LEVEL).

4. KIRBY ADVISED TELATT THAT HE IS CONVINCED OF SERIOUS
PROFESSIONAL NATURE OF TRIP AND THAT HE PERSONALLY
INTENDS TO ACCOMPANY GROUP.

5. FOLLOWING FOREGOING DISCUSSIONS, TELATT IS ALSO
CONVINCED OF SERIOUS PROFESSIONAL NATURE OF TRIP AND
RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT URGE INDUSTRY TO COOPERATE
TO FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE.

6. KIRBY ALSO SUGGESTS ONE ADDITION TO PREVIOUS SCHEDULE:
VISIT TO LARGE WESTERN ELECTRIC MANUFACTURING INSTALLATION
IN NEW JERSEY AS STOPOVER ON WAY FROM NEW YORK TO
PENNSYLVANIA ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25. SORENSON
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